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Re: Docket No. 05-0315 – Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. ("HELCO") Application for Approval of Rate Increases and Revised Rate Schedules and Rules

Dear Ms. Awakuni:

By letter dated and filed with the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") on September 15, 2006, HELCO recommended that the Commission decline to adopt the standards articulated in Section 111(d)(14) of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 ("PURPA"), as amended by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 ("HELCO Letter"). Could you kindly confirm your position on this matter, specifically in regard to HELCO's position as set forth in the HELCO Letter? The Commission would appreciate a response by Friday, August 3, 2006.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 586-2047.

Sincerely,

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